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WHOLE NUMBERS 1934

REPUBLIC ERECTS LARGE BUILDING

Contract Has Been Let to
the Local Contractor
Henry Soule

TO COVER 30,000 SQUARE FT.

Business Rapidly Increasing.
One Hundred Fifty Orders
Entered in One Day

Among the recent building contracts let in the city is that of the Republic Motor Truck Company to Henry Soule for the construction of an immense building to extend 500 feet along Bridge street to the north. The specifications call for an entire brick building, one story in height, 60x500 feet. This building is an extension of the recently finished new building. The large addition to be built will furnish 30,000 square feet of floor space for the manufacture of trucks, and greatly facilitate the working conditions in helping keep up with the order schedule.

An enormous business is being taken care of by the Republic people at present. One day last week one hundred and fifty orders were received. On last Saturday thirty-seven complete trucks were loaded on cars for shipping. The efficient traffic department are keeping the company well supplied with cars, although under difficulty, as the great wave of prosperity which is striking the country has placed freight cars at a premium. Many concerns are very much handicapped by the shortage of cars and many business houses, even in this town have been held up by inefficient traffic regulations.

The orders for the past several weeks have taxed the capacity of the Republic plant. Building is constantly going on and new help added in large numbers. The new building will be started at once and will be finished with all haste, which will go a long way toward taking care of the rapidly increasing business.

LYCEUM BENEFIT RECITAL

Friday night of this week Prof. Reese Farrington Veatch, and Miss Lucille Hitchcock of the college will give a recital at the college chapel for the benefit of the Lyceum course. Mary Rose will act as accompanist. Following is the program:

- I Romance..... Davies
Miss Hitchcock
- II (a) Vergin turt' amor..... Darante
(b) The Violet..... Mozart
(c) Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms..... Old Irish Air
(d) A Bird In Hand..... Old English
Mr. Veatch
- III Joint Owners In Spain..... Alice Brown
- IV (a) Morning Greeting..... Schubert
(b) Born of a Pain Undying..... Franz
- (c) In a Boat..... Grieg
(d) Love Song..... Brahms
- V Readings..... Selected
Miss Hitchcock
- VI (a) The Brooklet Came From The Mountain..... Cadman
(b) Mammy Song..... Ware
(c) How's My Boy..... Homer
(d) The Bird of the Wilderness..... Hoeman

FROM PROF. WEST

2120 Kittredge St. Berkley, Cal.
March 28, 1916.
The Alma Record,
Alma, Mich.
Dear Mr. Brown:

Find enclosed \$1.00 to pay for my paper until next September. We have had fine weather since the last of February and now roses, lilacs, apricots, oranges peaches, etc. are in full bloom and people are searching the mountain sides for the California poppy which is just coming into bloom. Geraniums grow as high as the fences.

Several of the Panama-Pacific Exposition buildings are being moved to San Diego for the Panama California Exposition which continues for another year.

The people of the state will vote this fall on one referendum and three initiative measures. Two of these are—the restriction of the liquor traffic for 1918 and total prohibition in 1920. The farmers who are engaged in raising the wine grape will probably work against the two measures.

Sincerely yours,
F. E. West.

ENTERTAIN MISSION CIRCLE

The Woman's Mission Circle of the Baptist church held its regular meeting last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Henry Froush. The lesson consisted of the first chapter of the new study book entitled "The King's Highway" which was conducted by Mrs. John Becker. The Victrola furnished music. The devotional service conducted by Mrs. E. B. Soule and a paper read by Mrs. Fred Mockeridge completed the program. The ladies remained to take "tea" with the hostess.

Carl Street spent the week end at home of his parents in Wheeler.

WATCH 'EM GROW

Harry Tubbs, the milkman and Art Whiton, the father of a new pair of twin boys, have entered into a novel agreement. Beginning next week a picture of the youngsters will appear in the Record with a statement of their weight. For a period of six months this same pair will appear weekly in every issue of this paper. Every week the babies will be weighed and their weight published with their picture. During this time Tubbs agrees to furnish all the good fresh milk the babies can drink. Tubbs will gamble anything that six months from now Art Whiton will have the two most healthy youngsters that ever lived for a half year in Alma.

CONTEST AT ST. JOHNS

The district contest in Declaration will be held at St. Johns next Friday. Miss Helen Mason will represent the local high school in oratory and Miss Francis Priest in declamation.

E. B. BERMAN MARRIED IN CHICAGO LAST SUNDAY

Over One Hundred Guests Given
Wedding Supper and
Witness Ceremony

Mr. E. B. Berman of Alma and Miss Ida Light of Chicago were united in marriage at the home of the bride's father on Sunday evening April 2, 1916.

Rabbi Trijinski performed the ceremony assisted by Rabbi D. Light of Bay City a brother of the bride. Over one hundred guests witnessed the ceremony after which a sumptuous supper was served, after which speaking was featured by Rabbi Light Trijinski, Astrachan and Rabbi Gileman. Telegrams of congratulation were received from all parts of the state.

Mr. Berman recently purchased a home of G. H. Carl on Sned street, where he and his wife will reside. A large number of friends in Alma extend congratulations to the newly married couple.

HIGH SCHOOL TO HAVE GOOD TRACK MATERIAL

Workouts already Started under
Allen Highfield, Coach. Big
Base Ball Schedule.

The baseball and track teams of the high school have started work for the coming season. Better material is in evidence this year than for any year previous for a long time.

Among the track stars for the team are: Davis, Home, Desmond and Hirschberger on sprints, Kress on broad jump, Emory and Davis on running high jump and pole vault, Hopkins, Weston and Boyd on quarter mile run, Walker, Campbell, Adams, Hayward and Emmons on distances and Sly, Campbell and Sartor on the discus and shot.

Among the meets the track team will participate in are those at Saginaw, Lansing, Greenville and the county meet at Ithaca, and probably the state meet.

A long schedule has been arranged for the baseball team starting with a game with Ithaca at that city. Following is the remainder of the schedule:

April 29, Greenville at Greenville.
May 5, St. Louis at St. Louis.
May 10, Ithaca at St. Louis.
May 13, Greenville at Alma.
May 20, Arthur Hill at Saginaw.
June 10, Orono at Orono.

OBITUARY

John Degroff was born in Pennsylvania Nov 5th 1842 and died at his home in Arcada April 4th 1916. He was a great sufferer for several years. March 17th he suffered a stroke of apoplexy which hastened his death. In 1860 he was married to Phoebe A. Wickersham of Sandusky, Ohio. To this union ten children were born, eight of whom are living. About thirty years ago he moved his family to Gratiot Co. Soon after coming here his wife died. He was a kind father and made a home for his children after he was left alone. Mr. Degroff was one of the oldest settlers and a good citizen. Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in Alma Thursday afternoon. Rev. Brownlow officiating. The remains were laid to rest in Riverside beside his wife.

PROF. KILLIAN RESIGNS

Prof. E. B. Killian, principal of the high school has resigned his position in this city and will take the office of superintendent of schools at Fenton. Prof. Killian has been in this city two years and has a host of friends among pupil and social circles who wish him every success in his new field.

NOTICE

Please dump your rubbish along the grade on the north side of the south end of the Wolf Bridge.

H. A. Bancroft, Com. adv

LeRoy Genesta of Ithaca was an Alma visitor on Friday of last week.

COUNCIL GIVES PARK TO SCHOOL

Union School Children to Fix
Up Grounds For Bird
Sanctuary

HAS CLUB OF 200 MEMBERS

Dr. MacCurdy of Alma College to
Assist and Oversee the
Work of Sheltering

At a recent meeting of the city council it was voted to give the use of the natural park across the road from the Union school for the fitting up of a bird sanctuary.

This beautiful natural forest has for some time been used as a cow pasture and an idea has for some time been on foot to fit it up as a picnic grounds for the school children and bird sanctuary.

A club of two hundred members has been organized and it has been through the efforts of this club that a petition was sent in to the city council, with the results above stated.

Weather being favorable, work will be started by the school children next Wednesday, under the direction of Prof. MacCurdy of the College, to clean up the park and put up the houses. About fifty small wren houses and robin shelves will be erected at once and toward fall a number of shelters will be provided for the use of the birds during the winter.

The school children are taking an active interest in the work and it will also be a marked improvement to the city to have this beautiful piece of land fitted up as a quiet retreat where our little songster friends will be carefully guarded by the school children.

GOSPEL MEETINGS IN PROGRESS

People who miss hearing Raun and Simmons at the Church of Christ are missing a spiritual treat. House is filled every night by appreciative listeners.

Three enthusiastic meetings were held last Sunday. A large delegation of about twenty-five from St. Louis attended the Sunday evening services.

Mrs. Raun's entertainment Monday evening was a decided success. She spoke to a well filled house, making a very pleasant and favorable impression upon her hearers. By her charming personality and her splendid interpretation of various selections she won a place in the heart of each one present.

The gospel meetings will continue this week only. Each evening Mr. Raun will discuss an interesting theme; one that will be of interest to you. Mr. Simmons will sing at each service some of his best solos. The large chorus is still growing and singing better each night.

A meeting for men only will be held Sunday afternoon at three o'clock; Mr. Raun will speak, Simmons will sing, and a special effort is being made to have a big meeting. Every man is invited to attend this service. Sunday evening will close the meeting.

VESPER SERVICE

Sunday afternoon President Crooks addressed the union vesper service of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. In a short but interesting talk he presented the question of what relation a college man should take toward wealth or in other words what college men should think of wealth. After showing that our mental attitude toward wealth is in reality as important as what we do with wealth, he proceeded in an interesting manner to show that money in and of itself does not insure either happiness, culture, morality or a growth of our powers which would lead to an increase in the degree of our self satisfaction. Often it is supposed that money can give these ideals of ambition but a study of the truth reveals the fact that none of these desirable assets can come from wealth alone but all can be obtained and made a part of a life by the proper use of money and by our attitude toward wealth.

The interest of the meeting was increased by several musical selections sung and played by Mr. Anderson and Mr. Blinstrub.

COMBINATION SALE

A combination auction sale will be held on the vacant lot north of the I. O. O. F. block in Alma on Saturday April 22. Parties having property of any kind to sell are requested to list same and have it on hand. This is a new venture in Alma and the public are invited to avail themselves of this opportunity. If you have anything to sell, list it with Royal Hyde or at the Record office on or before Monday April 17th and same will be advertised in the Record on the 20th. I. D. Milman will act as auctioneer.

CIVIC LEAGUE NOTICE

The Civic League requests all persons to wash out cans before sending them to the junk heap as a prevention of the breeding of flies.

CLUB MEETS

The Seville and Summer farmers' club was royally entertained Thursday of last week by Rev. and Mrs. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Olmsted and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kamp of Alma, who will long be remembered by the club for their genuine hospitality.

Members and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Olmsted about eleven o'clock and at the noon hour were invited to the home of Rev. and Mrs. Mason next door, where a bounteous dinner was served.

In the afternoon a very profitable and interesting program was given at the Olmsted home.

Miss Laura Crandell rendered a piano solo in a very pleasing manner. Mr. Thagure of the farm corps department of M. A. C., talked on seed corn, alfalfa culture, etc., much to the interest of the farmers present. He also in a very able manner answered many questions pertaining to farm crops. Some good music was furnished by a quartet, composed of Kress, Hopkins, Davis, and Handley from the high school. This was very much appreciated. The boys responded to two encores.

PETITION TO DESIGNATE STATE ROAD IS FRAMED

Alma Board of Trade Representatives Meet with Mount-
cain Co. Supervisors

Some weeks ago a movement was launched by the Board of Trade to do something toward improving the highway west of Alma. To this end a petition was presented which was passed by the Board of Supervisors, petitioning the State Highway Commission to designate the road west of Alma to the county line as a state highway. On Tuesday, D. L. Johnson, J. W. Robinson and George Sharrar visited Stanton with a like petition which was passed by the Montcalm County board asking the Commission to designate the road from the west line of Gratiot County through Vestaburg and Edmore to Lakeview and then connecting with a state road going to Greenville and Grand Rapids.

These two pieces petitioned for by the two counties and the connecting link, making when built, a state road from Saginaw to Grand Rapids. Much credit is due J. W. Robinson for the good work in Montcalm County as his influence was a factor of success in securing the passage of the petition in that county.

"IDOL OF THE ISTHMUS" TO ENTERTAIN WEDNESDAY

Miss Gay Zenola MacLaren Will
Present Course Num-
ber

The management of our Lyceum Course will present Miss Gay Zenola MacLaren on next Wednesday evening, April 19. Miss MacLaren will present a different form of entertainment that ever seen here before. In her imitative recitals of famous plays, she is spoken of by critics as one possessed with remarkable powers for the interpretation of famous stage productions by the great actors.

Miss MacLaren after attending the production of a modern play will, without reading the original book or the dramatization, give an imitative recital of the entire production impersonating every character. She admits a natural born gift of mimicry, and by developing her natural powers has been able to produce an entertainer of the most critical audience.

Recently Miss MacLaren gave one hundred and seven recitals in Panama. So popular was her entertainments that she was frequently referred to as the "Idol of the Isthmus."

Her repertoire consists of such well known plays as "Within the Law," "Peg O' My Heart," "Bought and Paid For," "Romeo and Juliet" and many others.

Metropolitan papers, writers and dramatic critics pronounce Miss MacLaren as a genius in her art.

She will appear at the Wright opera house under the auspices of the Alma Lyceum course next Wednesday evening. Tickets fifty cents including reserved seats to those not holding season tickets.

FIRST HIKE OF JUNIOR SCOUTS

The juniors were called out last Saturday for eleven o'clock. In spite of the piercing, cold wind a good sized crowd assembled. After a two mile hike, fires were made in a place somewhat sheltered and in a short time very appetizing viands were in readiness, to which the scouts gave due and proper attention. The city limits were reached in the return journey about two o'clock. All voted that they had had a good time.

UNCLE SAM HAS BIG "BIZ"

The first of this month Postmaster Cash received notice from the Post office Department to record a count of mail from April 2nd to 8th and file same at Washington. As a result of this six day count it was found that this count was the largest on record at the local office there was delivered by the three regular and auxiliary carriers 23,870 pieces of mail weighing 6,565 pounds.

ENTERTAIN PHILATHEA CLUB

The Philathea club of the Baptist church held its regular meeting last Monday evening at the home of Mrs. D. L. Johnson. Plans were made for the Easter bazaar. After the ladies completed their fancy work, the hostess served dainty refreshments.

Dewitt Vought and son, Downey, were in Ithaca on business Monday.

SAN JOSE SCALE NOW IN ORCHARDS

State Law Requires Persons
Having Trees Infested
to Spray

INSPECTOR GIVES A REMEDY

Will Aid Orchard Men Greatly in
Keeping this Scourge
Under Control

The San Jose scale is present in many orchards in the southern part of Michigan and, unless active measures are taken for its control, it will not only kill the trees now infested but will spread to others and make it difficult for those who are spraying their orchards to save their trees.

The State law requires all persons having trees and shrubs infested with this insect to effectually spray or destroy them, in order that the spread of the insect may be checked. The law also makes it the duty of this office to specify the treatment which will be acceptable.

The standard remedy is lime-sulphur solution, and it may be used at the rate of one part to eight parts of water. If it contains 84 per cent of sulphur in solution. The amount of water should be reduced proportionately for weaker solutions.

The sulphide of sodium, known as Soluble Sulphur Compound, will also be accepted if used at the rate 15 to 20 pounds for 50 gallons of solution.

Scaled, one of the miscible oils, may be used at the rate of one part to fifteen parts of water.

These remedies may be used while the trees are dormant, and are most effective when applied just as the leaf buds begin to open, but before the blossoms show a pink color.

The benefits from these remedies will depend almost entirely upon the thoroughness with which they are applied, and, to get the best results the trees should be sprayed from four sides. In case proper care was not taken and the young scales appear on the trees the first week in July, the trees should be sprayed between July 10 and 15, using one gallon of lime-sulphur solution in 25 gallons of water. This should not be used upon peach or Japan plum trees. Care should also be taken in using "Soluble Sulphur Compound" upon the foliage, particularly with Paris green or arsenate of lead.

With concerted action there will be no difficulty in controlling these insects.

L. R. Taft,
State Inspector of Nurseries
and Orchards.

MAKE BIRD HOUSES

For the past several weeks the manual training department of the high school have been making about two hundred bird houses which are selling for five cents each. The houses cost but a trifle more but to encourage the idea of housing our little songster friends the department is making the sale for the small amount above stated. If you're not in on this, give your little girl a nickel and put one up in the trees surrounding your home. The birds will find it all right.

SCHOOL OF METHODS

Alfred Ray Atwood, of Lansing, was in the city Monday completing arrangements for the Alma School of Methods which will be held in Alma July 23-28 inclusive. This is the third consecutive year the school has been held in Alma. Several hundred have been in attendance the past two years. Dr. W. R. Gammon, of Chicago, Prof. Leeman of Westminster, Md. and Prof. Crissman of the Strong Conservatory of music are among the 18 members of the faculty.

GLEE CLUB CONCERT

The Alma College Glee Club concert, given at the opera house last Friday evening, drew a good sized crowd and was considered one of the best concerts ever given in this city by local talent. The organization was in excellent form, under the able direction of Prof. Veatch. This was the last concert of the season's tour, which was one of the most successful ever launched by the college.

COUPLE MARRY

Last Saturday evening Mrs. Daisy Robart and Mr. John Chapman of this city were united in marriage at the home of the bride's brother Frank Evans at 520 Wright Avenue. Rev. J. W. Priest of the Baptist church performed the ceremony. A short wedding trip was made to Riverdale Both bride and groom are well and favorably known in this city and are members of the Salvation Army Corps.

RECEIVES APPOINTMENT

Judge Kelly S. Searl of the twenty-ninth judicial circuit which consists of Clinton and Gratiot counties, has been appointed to the chair of jurisprudence in the law department of the University of Detroit.

He will deliver one lecture a week, his judicial duties making it impossible to make more.

This is very gratifying to the judge's many friends in Gratiot Co.

CHRIST-WILEY

Ray Christ and Edna Wiley both highly respected young people west of Alma were married at the bride's parents on Wednesday night, April 12. Rev. J. W. Priest officiated. The ceremony was witnessed by near relatives only. The happy couple have the best wishes of their many friends.

Rev. Alfred Ray Atwood of Lansing was an Alma visitor the fore part of this week.

THE NEW COUNCIL

Mayor McKinney called a special meeting of the Council at the City Hall on Monday night. Very little business was transacted. The mayor announced the following standing committees:

Street—Knortzer, Lake, Glass.
Fire—McConkey, Ogden, Fullerton.
Claims and Acts—Lake, Ward, Eckert.
Salaries—Eckert, Ward, Knortzer.
Ways and Means—Ward, Knortzer, Glass.

Elect. Lights—Glass, Ogden, McConkey.
Health—Ogden, Eckert, Fullerton.
Printing—Ward, Lake, Knortzer.
Park Board—Fullerton, McConkey, Glass.

Steps were taken to compel the paving contractors to make good their contract on the poor pavement in several parts of the city. If satisfactory repairs are not made the council will collect on the bond.

RECENT BANQUET GIVES BIRTH TO A NEW SOCIETY

Women and Girls Form a Per-
manent Organ-
ization

As an out growth of the recent Mother and Daughter banquet held in this city, a meeting of the women and girls of Alma may find recreation as well as useful instruction.

Mrs. C. G. Rhodes acting as chairman called the meeting to order and the following officers were elected: President, Miss Rose Messinger; first vice president, Mrs. C. G. Rhodes; second vice president, Mrs. C. B. Gardner; third vice president, Miss Dunlap; fourth vice president, Miss Mary Dickerson; and secretary, Miss Grace Haner.

Groups for work, with competent volunteer instructors, were formed every member enrolling in one of the four following groups: Sewing cooking, basket weaving, and gymnasium. Meetings will be held every Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the high school building and every woman and girl of Alma will be heartily welcomed into one of these groups.

After the business meeting the ladies were invited to the gymnasium where a most pleasant hour was spent with games.

SWIFT & COMPANY CHANGE MANAGERS AT ALMA PLANT

L. D. Sigler, with Company Thir-
teen Years, Will Assume
Other Duties

Last Monday J. P. Barrett of Jackson, Ill. took the superintendent's desk at the local plant of Swift & Co. which has been efficiently presided over by L. D. Sigler for the last few years.

Mr. Sigler will remain in the city for several weeks, and will then go to the head office in Chicago for instructions for his further work. Mr. Sigler has been with the Swift Company for thirteen years. He has been in Alma for eight years with the exception of fifteen months at one time spent in the Chicago office.

Mr. Barrett comes to Alma from Jackson, Ill. He was manager of the produce house in that city. Mr. Barrett has been with Swift & Co. for a number of years and comes well recommended as a business man and efficient employee.

WINS CONTEST PONY

There probably is one happy little girl in Alma these days, and that little body is Miss Virgil Freer of Wright avenue, who received a live Shetland pony and outfit from a farm in Illinois, Wednesday. Little Miss Freer won this handsome prize by leading in a subscription contest, recently conducted by a popular magazine.

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LOCAL BOYS LOSE TO INDIAN TEAM

Game Played Under Bad
Weather Conditions Last
Saturday

LOSE BY SCORE OF 10 TO 12

Team Has Good Material But
Needs Considerable
More Work Out

The opening game last Saturday of Alma college team was played in anything but baseball weather. The thermometer threatened to sink to zero and a high wind raised rain with Mr. Fletcher's fancy curves.

The game was forfeited to Mt. Pleasant Indians by the close score of 10 to 12.

Depew started the game in the box, and was relieved by Eddie Johnson in the fifth.

The local team only put in four days out door practice and most of the men were green. However the Saturday game showed good team work and with the proper amount of practice the team should make a good showing throughout the remainder of the season.

Following is the line-up and summary of the game:

Alma	AB	H	PO	A
Heibert, s. s.	5	0	1	1
French, 1st	2	0	8	6
Hyde, m.	5	2	2	1
Johnston, c. & p.	3	2	0	5
Fitch, s.	3	2	15	2
C. Robinson, s.	3	0	0	0
Beshgetoor, 2nd.	4	0	0	2
N. Smith, 1st, 2nd	5	2	2	0
Depew, p. & r.	3	2	1	1
Gaffney, s.	1	1	0	1
Peters, s.	1	0	1	0
Dietzel, 1st.	1	0	0	1

Totals 36 11 30 14

Indians AB H PO A

A. Manduke, 3rd 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Tyosh, 2nd 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Asher, p. & s. 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 |

Navitt, ss & p. 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 |

Manduke, m. 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

F. Macky, 1st 5 | 2 | 10 | 0 |

J. Beolange, 1 6 | 4 | 1 | 6 |

Martin, r. 6 | 4 | 0 | 6 |

P. Macky, c. 5 | 1 | 8 | 3 |

Totals 31 1